



Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Colburn

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“THE PRESIDENT’S OWN” ANNOUNCES MARCH SCHEDULE

WASHINGTON—“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band, Marine Chamber Orchestra and Marine Chamber Ensembles present the following free concerts in March. Tickets are not required unless otherwise noted. Please include these performances among your March calendar/events listings.

For general concert information, patrons may call the 24-hour Concert Information Line at (202) 433-4011 or visit www.marineband.usmc.mil. Directions and parking information are available by contacting the performance venues at the numbers and websites listed below.

MARINE BAND

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, March 4

WHERE: Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College
3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Va.
Venue information: (703) 845-6156 or www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: Director Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Colburn, conducting

An American Miscellany—The concert will feature **nationally renowned violist Miles Hoffman as guest soloist** performing Morton Gould’s Concertette for Viola and Band. Program selections also include Variations on “America” by Charles Ives (orchestrated by William Schuman), *The Continental Harp and Band Report* by Eric Stokes, and the world première of David Chaitkin’s *Celebration*.

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Marine Barracks, 8th and I Streets, SE, Washington, DC 20390-5000
Telephone: 202/433-5809 Fax: 202/433-4752

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, March 25

WHERE: Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College
3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Va.
Venue information: (703) 845-6156 or www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: Assistant Director Captain Michelle A. Rakers, conducting

A Tribute to Diaghilev—The concert will feature Alexander Borodin's Polovetsian Dances from *Prince Igor*, Igor Stravinsky's Suite, *The Firebird*, and Kenneth Hesketh's *Diaghilev Dances*. The program also will include Claude Debussy's Première Rhapsodie, featuring clarinet soloist Staff Sgt. William Bernier, and Two Strauss Songs by Richard Strauss, featuring mezzo-soprano soloist Staff Sgt. Sara Dell'Omo.

MARINE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, March 11

WHERE: Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College
3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria, Va.
Venue information: (703) 845-6156 or www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: Assistant Director Captain Jason K. Fettig, conducting

Featuring the world première of Double Concerto for Violin and Contrabass by John Beall, featuring Master Gunnery Sgt. Peter Wilson and Master Sgt. Aaron Clay, *Summer Evening* by Zoltán Kodály, and Symphony No. 3 in C, Opus 52 by Jean Sibelius.

MARINE CHAMBER ENSEMBLES

WHEN: 2 p.m., Sunday, March 18

WHERE: John Philip Sousa Band Hall
Marine Barracks Annex and Band Support Facility
600 Virginia Avenue, SE Washington, D.C.

Venue information: (202) 433-4011 or www.marineband.usmc.mil

COST: FREE, no tickets required

PROGRAM: **Featuring** Capriccio by Jacques Ibert, Six Bagatelles for Wind Quintet by György Ligeti, and Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Opus 115 by Johannes Brahms. The program also will feature *Cumulative Score* by Marine Band member Master Sgt. Christopher McFarlane.

Complete program information is available at www.marineband.usmc.mil.

Pre-Concert Ensembles perform 45 minutes prior to most Marine Band and Marine Chamber Orchestra concerts. This year, “The President’s Own” will continue its **Post-Concert Chats**—a series of talks with the conductor following select performances, which will accent Marine Band and Marine Chamber Orchestra performances throughout the season. By offering imaginative and interactive concerts, “The President’s Own” hopes its 2007 Showcase Series will create an engaging musical experience for patrons, one through which they can discover the rich, resonant world of music. For information on any of the above concerts or programs, please contact “The President’s Own” Public Affairs Office at (202) 433-5809 or usmbpao@mbw.usmc.mil. Press materials, photographs and interviews also are available upon request.

The Marine Band is America’s oldest professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. President since John Adams. Given the title “The President’s Own” by Thomas Jefferson, the Marine Band’s primary mission is to provide music for the President of the United States and the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

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